

## WHAT TO DO?

## Boers Given an Opportunity to Talk It Over.

## Result of The Conferences of High Officials In South Africa.

London, April 18.—The government leader, A. J. Balfour, in the House of Commons, today, made the following important statement:

"After two conferences between Lord Milner, the British high commissioner of South Africa, and the Boer delegates at Pretoria, Lord Kitchener, while refusing to grant an armistice, on military grounds, has

agreed to give facility for the election and meeting of representatives of the various Boer commands to consider their position. The Boer leaders have, therefore, left Pretoria, to carry out this plan."

Mr. Balfour added that it was not expected that communication between the British authorities and the Boer leaders could be resumed in less than three weeks' time.

## BROTHERS SENTENCED TO DIE IN THE CHAIR

## Van Wermer Boys Must Pay Extreme Penalty For Killing Their Uncle.

Hudson, N. Y., April 18.—The jury in the case of Burton, Willis and Frederick Van Wermer, charged with the murder of their uncle, Peter A. Hallenbeck, today returned a verdict of murder in the first degree against all three of the accused.

The prisoners were sentenced to be electrocuted at Clinton prison, Danmore, during the week beginning May 30, next. The case will be carried to the Court of Appeals, notice of which will act as a stay of execution.

The death sentence was pronounced a few minutes after the jury brought in its verdict.

The crime was committed Christmas eve. Early in the evening of

that day the three brothers and Harvey Bruce, the cousin who is also under indictment for participating in the murder, drove to the Hallenbeck home at Greenport. The young men wore false faces and also wore their coats turned inside out. Hallenbeck, who was a very old man, opened the door in response to their knocking, and as he did so they fired upon him, inflicting wounds of which he died in a short time.

At their trial which lasted about two weeks, the accused men declared they went to Hallenbeck's house merely for the purpose of frightening him, with no thought of injuring him. Bruce, who secured a separate trial, testified against the brothers.

## A Fortune For One of The Pretty Flower Girls

Chicago, April 18.—Miss Sybil Clifton, one of the five flower girls in "The Chaperones" is heiress to a fortune of \$100,000 in oil lands left by her uncle, Huntington Hale, who died near Beaumont, Texas, two days ago, and willed his estate to his niece, Miss Clifton has received a telegram notifying her of her good fortune. Her uncle went to Texas 20 years ago and bought land which of late has turned out to be

rich in oil. Miss Clifton has ambitions for a musical training, which her parents were too poor to give her. She says she will first provide for her parents and will next year go to Europe to study music.

Miss Clifton will be remembered by those who attended the performance of "The Chaperones" in Akron a few weeks ago, as a member of that company.

## Freedom and Blakeslee Are Still Far Apart

The bonds of J. O. Blakeslee, in jail under indictment charges of assault with intent to kill his wife, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Oliver L. Ingersoll, were fixed Friday by Judge Kohler. In the case for assault on Mrs. Ingersoll, the bond is \$3,000, and

in the case of Mrs. Blakeslee, the amount is \$1,000. Blakeslee is still in jail.

Thursday afternoon Prosecutor Hagchager laid pictures taken of Blakeslee and James Harris, the latter being under indictment on charge of burglary.

## Grim Reaper's Hand Laid Heavily Upon the Aged

During the present month great inroads have been made into the ranks of the octogenarians and nonagenarians of Akron and vicinity. Eight have passed away in the present month. They were: Mrs. Mary A. James 85, of

of Tallmadge; Samuel Steffe 85, Coventry; Mrs. Mary Robinson 93, of Copley; Mrs. Matilda McApin 92; Mrs. Adeline Burton 90; Mrs. Susanna Hoerscher, 79; Mrs. Lucy Camp, 88; and Mrs. Hannah Haines 89—all of Akron.

## STAND Taken By House Democrats

## On The Cuban Reciprocity Bill.

Washington, April 18.—The Democrats of the House, at a caucus last night, by a majority, estimated at three to one, adopted the following resolution, introduced by Mr. Swanson, of Virginia:

"Resolved, That we favor the removal of the differential on refined sugar both from Cuba and elsewhere, and believe that such amendments are properly in order and we insist that it is the duty of all Democrats to vote whenever opportunity is given to have these amendments added to the pending bill providing for Cuban reciprocity. We are opposed to the adoption of the previous question when the bill is reported to the House unless it shall have been properly amended in committee of the whole as this will prevent an opportunity for just and proper amendment with recorded votes on the same.

"Resolved, further, that the action of this caucus is binding."

meeting was called to order, throw a bombshell into the caucus by announcing that overtures had come to him from the Republican side by which it was to be agreed that the Republican leaders would abandon the Crumpacker resolution to investigate the Southern election laws in the delegations from the states concerned (North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Virginia) would add the majority to close debate and would vote against the amendments which will be taken from the decisions of the chair when the motions to open up the bill to general amendment are offered.

The Democratic vote on Wednesday to close debate came principally from the states mentioned.

## ANOTHER

## Real Estate Company to Work In Akron.

(Special Correspondence.) Columbus, O., April 18.—The National Realty Co., a Delaware corporation, was today admitted to Ohio, with headquarters at Akron.

Deputy County Clerk O. W. Hale is president of the company. The company will handle real estate on a large scale.

## BROODING

## Over His Poverty a Cleveland Man Attempted Murder.

Cleveland, O., April 18.—Albert Flehn, a wire drawer, living at 25 Collister st., early today attacked his wife with a knife, and after stabbing her many times, committed suicide by cutting his throat from ear to ear. The woman, though badly injured, may recover. It is supposed that Flehn's mind had become deranged through brooding over his inability to meet a payment due on his home.

## HIGH

## Price Placed On a Farm.

## It Started a Row In Legislature.

## Why The Appropriations Bill Went Over.

(Special Correspondence.) Columbus, O., April 18.—The lower branch of the Ohio Legislature was in almost every respect a "rough house" Thursday afternoon, and it was with the utmost perseverance that the sergeants at arms were able to maintain anything like decorum in the lobbies or the galleries. There was no effort at order on the floor of the House, but of course there were no demonstrations beyond the swinging of oratorical clubs.

The trouble all started over the appropriations bill for 1902, which by the way, is not a law yet, and as the appropriation for last year has expired, some of the clerks and officers of the various State institutions may miss a pay day. If this is the case, they will have to blame for one, the late clerk of the Supreme Court, Josiah B. Allen, of Athens.

Mr. Allen has a farm for sale. Its value consists largely, it is reported, in the fact that the present owner has a "pull" with the powers that be, in the State capital. Josiah holds his farm at a little over \$10,000 if the State is the buyer. The Finance committee in making up the appropriations bill, allowed Josiah the amount asked for the farm, but did it through the Athens State hospital to the grounds of which institution the farm was to have been added.

The Democratic members of the House decided among themselves in a caucus session that they would not permit these things to be. They decided that they would postpone the bill for a few days and after a careful consideration, they would eliminate this and some other things. They eliminated the whole bill. They used the power of the minority to defeat the bill as a club to force postponement and then the Republicans came back at them with the Cleveland Park Board bill to be used as a club in turn.

Just how long this Legislative fencing will keep up seems to depend largely upon the Republicans.

## BOND

## For Rathbone Has Been Accepted.

## Counsel Has Filed Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Havana, April 18.—Counsel for Estee C. Rathbone, the former director of posts in Cuba, who was sentenced recently to ten years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$35,324 for connection with the postal frauds, have filed a writ of habeas corpus, asking the audiencia court to show why their client has not been admitted to bail, pending the hearing of his appeal.

The Post says the court has accepted the bond of \$100,000 offered by a fidelity company for Rathbone's appearance, but that before acting it sent the Prosecuting Attorney to consult with Governor General Wood.

## N. C. STONE

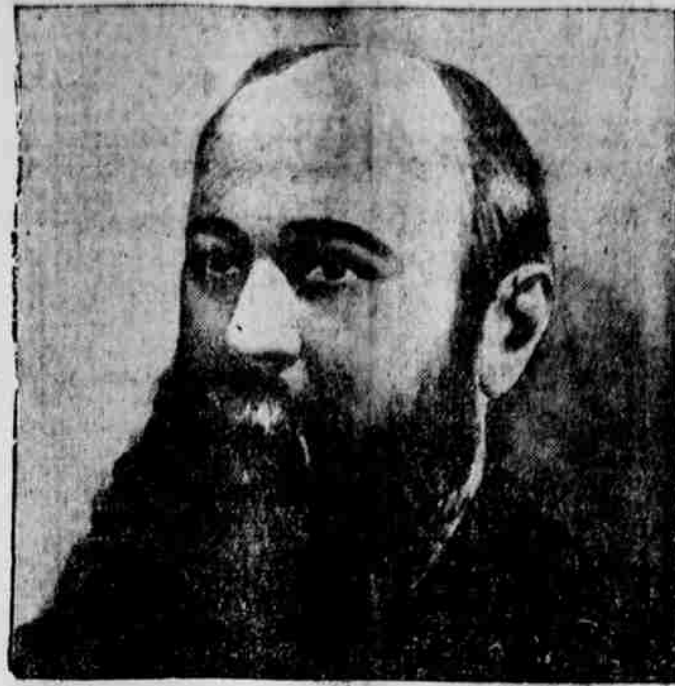
## Appointed Administrator of E. F. Pfeuger's Estate.

Mr. N. C. Stone, cashier of the City National bank, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mr. E. F. Pfeuger, late of Akron, to succeed Mr. J. B. Wright, whose death occurred a few weeks ago.

## Funeral Services.

The body of Jas. Hook, who was killed at Monrovia, Cal., April 6, while trying to board a moving train, arrived in Akron Friday morning. Funeral services will be held from the residence of the father, Mr. Herman B. Hook, 112 Allyn st., Saturday, at 9 a. m.

## DR. STEYN, THE BOER LEADER



He Is Working For Peace In South Africa.

## ALL REPUBLICAN

## New Councilmen Sworn In at Cuyahoga Falls.

Cuyahoga Falls, April 17.—The new Council was partly organized at the meeting last night. This is a wholly Republican body, with the Mayor, who is also president of the Council, the only Democrat who will have a voice in the meetings. The committee have not been selected, and this work will probably be done at the next meeting.

## SYMPATHY

## For the Boers Expressed by House of Representatives.

Columbus, O., April 18.—The House devoted 15 minutes Wednesday listening to Field Cornet Viljoen of Cape Colony defend the Boers and denounce Great Britain for the war in South Africa.

Mr. Braunbaugh, the Democratic leader, introduced a resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers. The resolution was adopted.

## Has Sued Her Former Husband For Money That She Loaned Him

New York, April 18.—Suit to recover \$10,375 money lent has been begun in the Supreme Court by Mrs. Cora E. Striker-Olcott against her sometime husband, Chauncey Olcott, the actor. The defendant's counsel, Howe Hummel, asked Justice Gliderleeve to compel the plaintiff to file a bill of particulars.

Mrs. Olcott was the widow of Joseph M. Striker, one of the heirs to the

well-off, and quite handsome, when she met Chauncey Olcott. His singing of sentimental Irish songs made an impression upon her and they were married in May, 1887. They did not separate until 1895. During that time the actor husband is alleged to have borrowed \$47,000, of which he repaid but \$625.

Lawyer Hummel said that Mrs. Striker-Olcott's claim came at a rather



Mrs. Cora E. Striker-Olcott.

Mrs. Olcott was a handsome and well-to-do widow when she and Chauncey Olcott, the actor of Irish roles, were married in 1887. He secured a divorce from her in 1895. She is now suing him to recover \$10,375, money lent. The smaller picture is from a photograph of Mr. Olcott.

Striker estate, which lay along the western edge of Manhattan Island. She was first married in May, 1883. Mr. Olcott secured his divorce the plaintiff has been living upon his bounty."

On October 19, 1897, Mr. Olcott married again, this time Margaret O'Donovan, daughter of a wealthy contractor. Olcott is about 45 years old.

## "GAG RULE."

## The Allegation Made a Stir—Park Bill Passed.

(Special Correspondence.) Columbus, O., April 18.—The House today passed the Cleveland Park Board bill without amendments. The session was the most demonstrative of the year. Stage of Cleveland rebelled and denounced Speaker McKinnon for "gag rule," and the sergeant at arms was commanded to restore order.

## COUNTY

## Refuses to Refund Money

## Paid By Myers and Carr to Stenographer.

## Their Attorneys Have Appealed to Common Pleas Court.

Rogers, Rowley & Bradley, for Lee Myers, and Attorneys Nathan Morse and Edwin F. Voris, for Gideon Carr, on April 10, presented bills to the County Commissioners, asking that money paid out by Myers and Carr for services of the court stenographer in preparing transcripts and bills of exception be refunded. Myers' bill amounts to \$140, and Carr's \$90. By a ruling of the Supreme Court, it is claimed that the county is obliged to refund money paid out by defendants in criminal cases for special services of the court stenographer.

The County Commissioners have turned down the bills, and on Friday the attorneys for Myers and Carr appealed the matter to Common Pleas court.

## SAVED PENNIES

## And at Last Took Them to Bank in a Day.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 18.—Herman Boyce, a German grocer at Goshen, Ind., has made a fad of saving pennies for the last 20 years. The quantity became so great that Boyce had to safe place to keep them, and he has deposited them in a bank. There were 19,700 pennies in the accumulation and the bulk of copper was so heavy that he had to take it to a bank on a dory.

## SLIGHT INJURY

## Results in Serious Illness From Blood Poisoning.

Mr. N. A. Hunsicker, formerly of Hunsicker's corner, now living on Yale st., in Akron, is seriously ill of blood poisoning. A few days ago he accidentally scratched his finger and it is from that slight injury that his illness has developed.

## WORLD'S FAIR

## Stockholders To Be Paid.

## Columbian Exposition Was An Expensive Luxury.

Chicago, April 18.—The \$450,000, which remains in the treasury of the World's Columbian Exposition company probably will be divided next week among the 20,000 shareholders. The last law suit against the company has been decided and the board of directors has concluded to distribute the money as soon as preliminary work can be accomplished. The dividend, it is estimated, will amount to about 45 cents a share. Shares of the 20,000 stockholders held one share each. The city will get about \$235,000 as its dividend on the \$5,000 bond issue. The funds have been tied up all these years by litigation against the World's Fair company. About two hundred suits were brought for damages, the claims aggregating nearly \$500,000 and the money was held to meet possible judgments. Most of the cases were decided against the complainants, judgments being secured for less than \$15,000 of the entire amount.

## TRAIN JUMPERS BEHIND THE BARS

Vernon Cooper, Henry Cole and Frank Smith were each fined \$5 and costs by Justice Hoffman, Thursday, for clinging to a moving train. They had no money to pay their fines and will be the guests of Sheriff Kelley for some time. Erie Detective W. J. McMichael made the arrests.

## MONEY BACK.

## McCullough Has Given Mrs. Fulmer \$1,500 Mortgage.

## It Covers The Amount She Says She Paid For "Green Goods."

Indications are that Mrs. Melvina Fulmer, of Brittain, will get back the \$1,500 she was swindled out of last fall. George McCullough, who is in jail at Cleveland, under charge of having swindled Mrs. Fulmer, has given a mortgage for \$1,500 on a 100-acre farm in Tuscarawas county. He owns a half interest in the farm by the will of his grandfather. McCullough still claims that he is not guilty of the crime, but nevertheless the face of the mortgage is of exactly the amount that the woman claims she lost by the alleged swindle. His

attorney admitted Thursday that the mortgage was executed in favor of Mrs. Fulmer. McCullough was arrested in Franklin, La., and brought to Cleveland, Feb. 7. He has been held in that city, owing to the fact that the alleged swindle was committed there.

Attorney W. R. Talbot, of this city, is counsel for Mrs. Fulmer. At the time of McCullough's arrest, Mr. Talbot instituted two suits against him—one a civil suit and the other a criminal prosecution. The former has been dismissed, and it is said that the latter will not be pushed.

## RING OUT, SING OUT, DANCE ALL THE DAY

## Main's Mammoth Circus Is Coming in May.

The country is saved! It was announced positively by Mayor Doyle Friday morning, that Walter Main's circus will give two performances in this city May 6. Usually, when the severest of the winter is over, one of the surest signs of spring has been the appearance in Akron of looking agents for the various circuses traveling through the country. The agents call on the Mayor, make their dates, and secure the permits necessary before a circus can drive stakes in a city.

This spring, however, advance men came not at the accustomed time. Faces grew haggard and eyes tired as time passed and still the circus men remained away. Strong men grew pale, and discussed the situation in whispers, as April passed its middle and still nary a circus man made his appearance.

The strained situation was relieved, however, when an accredited agent for the Walter L. Main circus came to Akron, Thursday, saw the Mayor, and announced that the circus, with all the accompaniment of peanuts, gingerbread, red lemonade, tinsel, paint and rumbling wagons, is bound this way.

## BARBERTON

## DUCKS

## Come to Lake Anna and Find Safety.

(Special Correspondence.) Barberton, April 18.—"Talking about ducks," said a prominent Barberton physician to a Democrat representative, Thursday, "some of them are remarkably clever and display almost human intelligence."

"For instance," suggested the reporter, "Well," replied the doctor, "for instance there are two pairs of wild ducks that seem to know there is safety for them on Lake Anna and leaving the more attractive haunts, come every day to the lake and swim and dive and carry on their love-making in plain sight and even on the approach of their arch enemy, man, do not take wing, seeming to realize that here waves a flag of truce and they have nothing to fear."

## CAUGHT

## In the Dagnet as the Day's Events Occurred.

(Special Correspondence.) Barberton, April 18.—Miss Leah Chandler was hostess at a delightful party given at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Chandler, corner Fourth st. and Baird ave., Wednesday evening. About 30 guests were present and games were the amusements. A delicious repast was served. Miss Athena Richards, teacher of the second and third grades in the Baird ave. school, who has been ill at her home in Ravenna, for the past three weeks, has recovered and resumed her duties Thursday morning. Miss Richards is considered one of Barberton's best teachers.

Mr. Frank J. Ward has tendered his resignation as district superintendent of the Toledo Sick and Accident Association, and will assume the management of the Barberton Art and Portrait company.

Mr. Wm. Straub will open up a new shoe store in the Fowler block on Second st., Saturday. The room has been remodeled and a new front put in and presents an attractive appearance. Mr. Straub was formerly a clerk in M. M. Helper's shoe store.

Rev. S. E. Rasey, pastor of the United Brethren church, has returned from Akron, where he attended the meeting of the Ministerial Association of the East Ohio conference.

Mr. A. M. Dinger, formerly of Hope, Ind., has opened up a barber shop in the Lester block on Second st., and has moved his family to this city. The members of the Eureka club will give a dance in Whigham-Schubert hall, Saturday evening. Doll's union orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

Attention by Marshal Ferguson, and brought before Mayor McNamara, Thursday. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$1 and costs.

Dr. Bert Rhodenbaugh, who graduated from the Ohio Medical University at Columbus, Tuesday, is in Barberton, where he expects to spend some time. It is Dr. Rhodenbaugh's intention to practice his profession, but has not yet decided upon a location.

## PLEASANT HOME

## Provided For His Parents By Mr. A. A. Moore.

(Special Correspondence.) Barberton, O., April 18.—It is said that a dutiful son is the delight of his parents' hearts and it is true Mr. A. A. Moore of the Maple City must be a source of joy to two aged people. He has recently leased the lot at the rear of the United Brethren church and is erecting a tidy brick residence upon it. Here his aged parents, who have both passed the 80th mile stone, will make their home. Eventually the dwelling will become the personage of the U. B. church.

## 'SQUIRE WERTZ

## Will Administer the Law and Raise Strawberries.

(Special Correspondence.) Barberton, April 18.—The newly elected Justice of the Peace E. Wertz has rented a fine room in the Sprinkle block and will open an office there as soon as his commission arrives. Mr. Wertz is a pleasant gentleman, and is, besides, something of a horticulturist, having the reputation of raising some of the finest strawberries and melons in Summit county. Said Mr. Wertz to a Democrat reporter, Thursday: "I have just been fixing up my strawberry bed and expect to raise about 200 bushels of berries this year."

## NO PENSION,

## Says the President, For Man Who Wouldn't Perform Picket Duty.

Washington, April 17.—President Roosevelt today sent to the House a veto of the bill pensioning Thomas F. Walter, a lieutenant in the Pennsylvania volunteer regiment during the civil war. The bill gave him \$17 a month. The president said that Walters had once been court-martialed for failure to perform picket duty.

THE WEATHER:  
WARMER TONIGHT; SATURDAY GENERALLY FAIR.